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Under the authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has re-evaluated the human health and environmental risks as well as the value of paraformaldehyde and has allowed continued registration of products containing paraformaldehyde for sale and use in Canada.

There are currently no registered Canadian food uses for paraformaldehyde. However, a 2.0 ppm MRL has remained in effect for paraformaldehyde in maple syrup although the last registered product in Canada containing paraformaldehyde and used as an antimicrobial agent in maple syrup expired on 31 December 1990.

As a result, revocation of the maple syrup MRL was proposed in the consultation document published on 25 August 2010, Proposed Maximum Residue Limit PMRL2010-55, *Paraformaldehyde*. The PMRA received no comments in response to this consultation.

To comply with Canada's international trade obligations, consultation on the proposed MRL revocation was also conducted internationally by notifying the World Trade Organization, as coordinated by the Standards Council of Canada. No comments were received as a result of the World Trade Organization consultation.

The following MRL is no longer in legal effect in Canada as of the publication date of this document.

Common Name	Residue Definition	Revoked MRL	Food Commodity
Paraformaldehyde	paraformaldehyde (calculated as formaldehyde)	2.0 ppm	Maple syrup

A complete list of all pesticide MRLs established in Canada can be found on the Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides webpage in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.